



Perth and Kinross: Young Carers Voice

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

Pre-COVID 19

The Young Carer Voice is made up of a team of 8 young carers. The group meets once a month to discuss varying agenda items which affect the services and approaches put in place to support young carers. To date the team have been involved in making an awareness raising podcast, they have provided feedback on documents & strategies relating to young carers and hope to feed in on a national level at some point.

During Lockdown

During lockdown the YCV has been asked to share their experiences of education and the new relationship they have with school. Their voice has been important as there are many young carers who are not able to speak up. There was an initial flurry of work from school and it was important for education to be reminded that school is often a respite for some young carers. In lockdown caring roles for some have been immersive so the feedback from YCV have allowed teachers to have more of an understanding of the wider implications of lockdown on young carers. As a result messages have been sent out to let young carers know that their wellbeing takes president over school work. This has alleviated a lot of anxieties.

Eligibility

Perth & Kinross Education have also asked YCV to feedback their thoughts on the upcoming 'blended' learning approach. They have responded in a honest and reflective manner which has been fed back into the PKC education team for their consideration.